

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-12 and add the following new claims 27-40:

1-12. (Canceled).

13. (Original) An article comprising an antimicrobial agent, comprising:  
a plurality of flock fibers located on a substrate, wherein at least most of the fibers  
comprises an antimicrobial agent.
14. (Original) The article of Claim 13, wherein each of the fibers has a denier of  
no more than about 5.
15. (Original) The article of Claim 13, wherein each of the fibers has a denier of  
no more than about 2.
16. (Original) The article of Claim 13, wherein each of the fibers has a denier of  
no more than about 3, and the antimicrobial agent is located in and/or on the plurality of  
fibers.
17. (Original) The article of Claim 13, wherein the substrate has a surface area  
on at least one surface of the substrate and the fiber placement density on the at least one  
surface is at least about 50% fibers/in<sup>2</sup> and wherein the antimicrobial agent is located in  
and/or on the plurality of fibers.
18. (Original) The article of Claim 13, wherein the substrate has a surface area  
on at least one surface of the substrate and the fiber density on the at least one surface is at  
least about 50,000 fibers/in<sup>2</sup>.

19. (Original) The article of Claim 13, wherein the substrate has a surface area on at least one surface of the substrate and the fiber surface area per unit area of the at least one surface is at least about 100,000 in<sup>2</sup> of fiber surface area/in<sup>2</sup> of surface area of the at least one surface and wherein the antimicrobial agent is located in and/or on the plurality of fibers.

20. (Original) A method for forming an antimicrobial article, comprising:  
providing a plurality of flock fibers, each flock fiber comprising an antimicrobial agent; and  
electrically charging the plurality of flock fibers with a first electrical charge while  
simultaneously electrically charging an adhesive-coated substrate with a second electrical  
charge opposite to the first electrical charge, whereby the flock fibers are contacted with the  
adhesive.  
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21. (Original) The method of Claim 20, wherein, after the electrically charging step, the substrate comprises at least about 50% fibers /in<sup>2</sup>.

22. (Original) The method of Claim 20, wherein at least most of the flock fibers has a denier of no more than about 5.

23. (Original) An article comprising an antimicrobial agent, comprising:  
a plurality of fibers located on a substrate, wherein each of the fibers has a denier of no more  
than about 5 and comprises an antimicrobial agent.

24. (Original) The article of Claim 23, wherein the substrate has a surface area on at least one surface of the substrate and the fiber placement density on the at least one

surface is at least about 50% fibers/in<sup>2</sup> and wherein the antimicrobial agent is located in and/or on the plurality of fibers.

25. (Original) The article of Claim 23, wherein the substrate has a surface area on at least one surface of the substrate and the fiber density on the at least one surface is at least about 50,000 fibers/in<sup>2</sup> and wherein the antimicrobial agent is located in and/or on the plurality of fibers.

26. (Original) The article of Claim 23, wherein the substrate has a surface area on at least one surface of the substrate and the fiber surface area per unit area of the at least one surface is at least about 100,000 in<sup>2</sup> of fiber surface area/in<sup>2</sup> of surface area of the at least one surface and wherein the antimicrobial agent is located in and/or on the plurality of fibers.

Please add the following new Claims 27-40:

27. (New) The article of Claim 13, wherein the length of at least most of the flock fibers ranges from about 0.3 to about 4 mm.

28. (New) The article of Claim 13, wherein at least most of the flock fibers have a titre ranging from about 0.5 to about 20 Dtex.

29. (New) The method of Claim 20, wherein, after the electrically charging step, the substrate comprises at least about 60% fibers/in<sup>2</sup>.

30. (New) The method of Claim 20, wherein at least most of the flock fibers has a denier of no more than about 2.

31. (New) The method of Claim 20, wherein the length of at least most of the flock fibers ranges from about 0.3 to about 4 mm.
32. (New) The method of Claim 20, wherein at least most of the flock fibers have a titre ranging from about 0.5 to about 20 Dtex.
33. (New) The method of Claim 20, wherein the antimicrobial agent is located in at least most of the flock fibers.
34. (New) The method of Claim 20, wherein the antimicrobial agent is located on the exterior surfaces of at least most of the flock fibers.
35. (New) The article of Claim 23, wherein, after the electrically charging step, the substrate comprises at least about 60% fibers/in<sup>2</sup>.
36. (New) The article of Claim 23, wherein at least most of the flock fibers has a denier of no more than about 2.
37. (New) The article of Claim 23, wherein the length of at least most of the flock fibers ranges from about 0.3 to about 4 mm.
38. (New) The article of Claim 23, wherein at least most of the flock fibers have a titre ranging from about 0.5 to about 20 Dtex.
39. (New) The article of Claim 23, wherein the antimicrobial agent is located in at least most of the flock fibers.

40. (New) The article of Claim 23, wherein the antimicrobial agent is located on the exterior surfaces of at least most of the flock fibers.